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SUBJECT: 32ND UNGA: CONVENTIONAL ARMS ISSUES

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1. SUMMARY: ROCKY PATH TRAVELLED BY TWO RESOLUTIONS
DISCUSSED IN FIRST COMMITTEE THIS YEAR ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS,
BELGIAN RES ON REGIONAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT AND
JAPANESE RES ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFRERS (CAT),
SEEMS TO REFLECT CONTINUING SITUATION IN WHICH SUPPORT IS
KIMITED AND LUKEWARM WHILE OPPOSITION IS BRAODER AND
MORE INTENSE. NOR DID ANY ATTRACTIVE FORMAT FOR DEALING
WITH CONVENTIONAL ARMS ISSUES EMERGE FROM FIRST COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF DISARMAMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. JAPANESE DEL SOUGHT AGAIN THIS SESSION, AFTER
EMBARASSING DEFEAT IN UNGA IN 1976, TO GAIN SUPPORT
FOR RES ON CAT. JAPANESE REP CONFIDED TO US THAT HIS
DEL HAS BEEN UNDER FIRM GUIDANCE FROM HIS FOREIGN
MINISTRY BUT THAT HE PERSONALLY HAD NEVER BEEN OPTIMISTIC
ABOUT ITS PROSPECTS. JAPANESE DEL CONCEDED LACK OF
ADEQUATE SUPPORT JUST BEFORE DEADLINE FOR TABLING OF
RES IN FIRST COMMITTEE. AS WAS CASE IN 1976, STRONGEST
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OPPOSITION WAS VOICED BY INDIA, WHICH ARGUED INHERENTLY
DISCRIMINATORY NATURE OF RES IN THAT IT FOCUSSED ON
CONVENTIONAL RATHER THAN MORE CRITICAL NUCLEAR ARMS
AREA AND ALSO FAILED TO DEAL WITH ARMS PRODUCTION.
IN ADDITION TO OTHER OPPOSITION, REPORTED REF B, NUMBER
OF BARTON GROUP DELS-INCLUDING AT LEAST NORWAY,
NETHERLANDS, PORTUGAL AND ITALY-VOLUNTEERED OPINION

TO US THAT EXCLUSION FROM RES OF REFERENCE TO ARMAMENTS LEVELS OR PRODUCTION ON GROUNDS THESE ARE MORE CLEARLY MATTERS OF EACH STATE'S SOVEREIGNTY SEEMED TO LACK LOGIC. IN DROPPING ITS RES, JAPANESE DEL ADVISED US THEY INTEND SHORTLY TO SUBMIT WORKING PAPER ON "CONVENTIONAL ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT" THROUGH SYG TO SPECIAL SESSION PREPCOM. WORKING PAPER WILL PROPOSE AS INITIAL STEPS: (A) COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS, TO INCLUDE ARMS TRANSFERS; (B) CONSULTATIONS AMONG MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIER STATES (READ US AND USSR), AND (C) CONFERENCES ON LEVELS OF CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS AND ARMED FORCES, TO BE CONVENED ON REGIONAL BASIS BY INTERESTED STATES.

3. BELGIUM THIS YEAR GAVE EARLY NOTICE OF ITS INTENTION TO SEEK ADOPTION OF RES ON REGIONAL ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT. CENTERPIECE OF RES, AS INITIALLY CIRCULATED BY BELGIAN DEL IN FORM OF WORKING PAPER, WAS COMPREHENSIVE UN STUDY OF SUBJECT BY EXPERTS FOR CONSIDERATION BY SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. BELGIAN DEL QUICKLY WITHDRAW STUDY PROPOSAL (IN FACE OF WIDESPREAD CRITICISM) IN FAVOR OF REQUEST THAT STATES PROVIDE VIEW ON MATTER PRIOR TO SPECIAL SESSION, WITH STUDY TO BE CONSIDERED BY 33RD UNGA. SPONSORS ALSO MADE OTHER, LESS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN ORDER TO GAIN AT LEAST NEUTRALITY OF MEXICO AND NIGERIA. HOWEVER, OTHERS, INCLUDING EGYPT, YUGOSLAVIA, CONFIDENTIAL

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ROMANIA, BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, REMAINED CRITICAL OF RES AND REPORTEDLY CONSIDERED SOME TYPE OF AMENDMENT VIRTUALLY UP TO FINAL FIRST COMMITTEE VOTE NOVEMBER 18. RES WAS ADOPTED BY VOTE OF 71 YES, ZERO NO, AND 41 ABSTENSIONS. WESTERN GROUP AND EASTERN BLOC SUPPORTED RES; WHILE APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF NON-ALIGNED, INCLUDING MOST WITH SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY FORCES SUCH AS ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, NIGERIA, INDONESIA, IRAQ, INDIA, PAKISTAN, THAILAND AND YUGOSLAVIA, ABSTAINED. WE HAVE NOT YET HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DETERMINE REASON INDIA DID NOT MOVE TO SUSPEND CONSIDERATION OF RES AS THEY HAD SUCCESSFULLY DONE AGAINST JAPANESE RES LAST YEAR. HOWEVER, BELGIAN DEL HAD PREDICTED SUCH MOVE BY INDIA WOULD BE DEFEATED.

4. STATEMENT BY ITALIAN DEL (VINCI) IN GENERAL DISARMAMENT DEBATE IN COMMITTEE I EMPHASIZED CONTINUED DESIRE STIMULATE INTEREST IN REGIONAL COMMISSIONS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS REPORTING TO UN SECURITY COUNCIL. HOWEVER, ITALIAN DEL REPORTED NO SERIOUS CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO TABLING RES ON THIS SUBJECT IN THIS YEAR'S UNGA. ITALY IS HOPEFUL THAT US AND OTHERS WILL SERIOUSLY CONSIDER POTENTIALITIES OF IDEA AND PROVIDE

VIEWS IN NATO. ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IS EVIDENTLY PERSUADED
THAT, DESPITE PROBLEMS PRESENTED BY LINK TO SECURITY
COUNCIL, THEIR REGIONAL COMMISSION CONCEPT IS FAR MORE
LIKELY TO GAIN ESSENTIAL NON-ALIGNED SUPPORT THAN ANY
ARRANGEMENT RELATING TO CONVENTIONAL ARMS
RESTRAINTS.
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